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SUBSIDY ON DIESEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy on diesel in drought affected districts of various States in the country due to subnormal monsoon during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the diesel subsidy scheme is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): In view of deficient/scanty rainfall condition during South West Monsoon-2014 and its likely impact operation during Kharif-2014, Government of India introduced Diesel Subsidy Scheme to enable farmers in deficit rainfall areas to provide supplementary irrigation through diesel pump sets for protecting standing crops.

(b): The Scheme was admissible in districts/ areas where the rainfall deficit is more than 50% as on 15th July, 2014, as reported by India Meteorological Department (IMD), or to such talukas/districts, which have been declared as drought affected areas by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations, or areas with prolonged dry spell continuously for 15 days, i.e. scanty rainfall (deficit of 60% or more of normal) for any continuous 15 days period, starting from 15th July 2014 onwards, as per reports of IMD. Under this scheme, 50% of the cost of diesel for providing supple- mentary/protective irrigation was provided as subsidy to the affected farmers, limited to maximum of two hectares per farmer.

State Governments were empowered to implement this scheme which was operational from 15th July, 2014 to 30th September, 2014.